(c) Decision for installations of machines are taken on the basis of workload and justification subject to availability of funds. Department has proposed in the 8th Plan to provide more such machines in important cities of the country. This will include important cities of Orissa also.

Introduction of 'Home Direct Service'

822. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently introduced 'Home Direct Service' to some foreign countries on 'Dial-up' basis to all telephone customers having STD facility; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Home Direct Service is available to all subscribers having STD facilities in ten cities with access to eight countries.

(b) Details are given in the statement.

Statement

ANNEXURE

The service has been introduced to 8 countries with effect from 1-11-91, as detailed below :—

	Access Code		
1. USA	000	11	7
2. U.K.	000	441	7
3. JAPAN	000	811	7
4. ITALY	000	391	7
5. SPAIN	000	341	7
6. SINGAPORE	000	651	7
7. NETHERLANDS	000	311	7
8. CANADA	000	16	7

Call to any of these 8 countries can be made from any telephone with STD/ISD facility by dialling the above access codes. The service will also be available on dedicated telephones installed at important places of tourist interests, Air Ports, Five Star Hotels and Telephone Bureaus.

On dialling the required code, the call will be answered by the operator at the distant end who will put through the call to be required number on "Collect Call" basis after confirmation from the called number. In respect of calls to USA, AT&T cards can be used.

The tariff for each effective call from a dedicated phone will be Rs. 10/- and in case of Dial-up calls the charges will be on metering unit per effective calls.

At present the service has been introduced from 13 cities in the country as detailed below :—

(i) Ahmedabad

(ii) Bombay

(iii) Bangalore

(iv) Calcutta (on dedicated phones)

(v) Delhi

(vi) Ernakukam

(vii) Hyderabad (on dedicated phones)

(viii) Kanpur

(ix) Lucknow

(x) Madras

(xi) Ranchi

(xii) Varanasi

(xiii) Vishakhapattnam (on dedicated phones)

Waiting list for telephone in Orissa

823. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applicants in different towns and cities on waiting list for telephone connections in Orissa as on the 31st October, 1991;